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Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.